

Claims

1 1. A portable audio system comprising:
2 a housing including:
3 a hard disk drive having at least 10 gigabytes of
4 storage capacity;
5 a plurality of music titles stored on said hard disk
6 drive as MP3 compressed digital data;
7 at least one pair of audio speakers;
8 means for decompressing said digital data;
9 means for driving said speakers with said
10 decompressed data to thereby present the music of said
11 music titles; and
12 means for manually carrying said housing while said
13 music is being presented.

1 2. The portable audio system of claim 1 wherein said
2 speakers are USB speakers driven by said decompressed
3 digital data.

1 3. The portable audio system of claim 1 wherein said
2 housing further includes means for converting said
3 decompressed digital data to analog data; and wherein
4 said means for driving said speakers drive said speakers
5 with said analog data.

1 4. The portable audio system of claim 3 wherein said
2 housing further includes:
3 a system memory; and
4 means for selectively accessing the data
5 representative of a music title from the hard drive and
6 storing the accessed data in system memory during the
7 audio presentation of said music title.

- 1 5. The portable audio system of claim 4 wherein said
- 2 housing further includes:
- 3 a portable rechargeable power supply.

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